



Rev. Fr. Iakovos Fitzpatrick

A Brief Biography

As a convert to Orthodoxy in my 28th year, I was zealous for the faith and well read on the Holy Fathers. When I was 33 I was ordained into the Priesthood and taught to serve in a monastery which served under the rule of St. Anna's Skete of Mt. Athos. My Spiritual Father at that time stressed the importance of perfection and beauty in all things pertaining to the church services. My eldest two children were youth at that time and learned to chant from professional chanters. Nektarios who served here together with Fr. Michael many years ago and Katherina who chants here during the winter months for the Cheretismi and the season of Great Lent.

I served for many years at St. Irene Chrysovalantou in Astoria, NY, as well as St. Nektarios, and St. Nicholas in Brooklyn. For seven years I served the church of the Anargyroi and Taxiarchis in Greenport, Long Island, on the North Fork. I have been serving as a priest under the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the past 17 years and was elevated to Protopresbyter at that time. I served the community of St. George in Kingston from 2012-2014 and St. Peter the Apostle in the Bronx from 2014-2015.

I would like to stress that if anyone among you is elderly, or infirm, in the hospital or nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let me know and we can make arrangements after church on Sunday. As well I look forward to meeting all of you on a more personal level, and perhaps even blessing your homes during the Theophany. As well, please know that you do not need to make arrangements prior if you wish to bring Artoklasia, Koliva in remembrance of a loved one, or St. Phanourios Bread. I am here to serve this community and pray for its members and growth.

In this the 25th year of my priesthood, I am grateful to God to serve this church, the Kimisis Tis Theotokos, a jewel set in the Catskill Mts.

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